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# CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY MARKS NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

*AUTHORITY SALUTES THE PAST AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE*

SACRAMENTO – Today, Amtrak hosts the third annual National Train Day to pay tribute to America's love for trains, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority congratulates all the participants for their efforts to make this day a nationwide success.

Amtrak will host large-scale and family friendly events today in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities.

National Train Day commemorates the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the transcontinental railroad and how it transformed America. From the economy to transportation, rail has affected the country in immeasurable ways, and trains will continue to be an important part of our nation's fabric.

"National Train Day is a reminder of the historic importance that trains have had on our country and state. California's fascination and love for trains will only grow as we move forward toward a future that includes high-speed rail," said Jeffrey Barker, Deputy Executive Director of the Authority.

In addition to the four main events, local communities will develop and host their own celebrations. More than 140 local celebrations took place last year, and Amtrak expects even more in 2010.

The state's economy stands to gain scores of new jobs as the high-speed train project moves forward, with about 600,000 new construction jobs over the course of building the project and about 450,000 permanent new jobs as a result of the economic growth the rail will bring over the next 25 years.

For more information about events in your area, visit – <http://www.nationaltrainday.com/>

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